

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the remarks and analysis contained in the most recent Office Action. Claim 10 is amended above in response to the objection to that claim raised in the Office Action. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowed and allowable subject matter. Claims 10-23 are still pending in this application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application.

Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112. Applicant respectfully submits that the bonding agent is appropriately recited in the claim. An example bonding agent is disclosed on page 6, line 1, which is described as "an epoxy resin." As also stated in the specification, other bonding methods may be used.

Applicant respectfully submits that claim 19 is clear.

Claims 10 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Lange*. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's interpretation of *Lange*. Figure 1 does not disclose core portions (6 and 7) in which a coil winding (8) is situated, as suggested by the Examiner. Instead, the portions 6 are soft iron elements that are part of the pole body structures 4 of the motor shown in Figure 1 of the *Lange* reference. The end ring 8 is not a coil and is not nested between the elements 6 and 7. The element 7 is an intermediate ring between the soft iron elements 6 and the permanent magnets 5 of that motor design. Therefore, there is no anticipation.

Claims 11, 12, 14, 15 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 based upon *Lange* combined with at least one other reference. The *Lange* reference does not disclose what the Examiner states in the Office Action and none of those claims can be considered obvious. Even if the proposed combinations could be made, the result is not the same as the claimed invention.

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Applicant respectfully submits that this case is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference will facilitate clearing up any remaining ambiguity in the Examiner's understanding of claims 10 or 19, Applicant's representative will be happy to discuss any such issues and can be contacted at the telephone number indicated below. Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance as soon as possible as this application has now been pending for some time.

Respectfully submitted,

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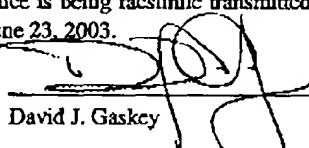

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